health response to swine flu, after receiving testimony from Rear Admiral Anne Schuchat, Interim Deputy Director, Science and Public Health Program, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Anthony Fauci, Director, National Institute for Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; John R. Clifford, Deputy Administrator, National Animal Health and Policy Program, Department of Agriculture; and Paul Jarris, Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, Arlington, Virginia.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Raymond Edwin Mabus, Jr., of Mississippi, to be Secretary, who was introduced by Senators Cochran and Wicker, and Robert O. Work, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary, both of the Department of the Navy, Elizabeth Lee King, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, who was introduced by Senator Reed, Michael Nacht, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Global Strategic Affairs, and Wallace C. Gregson, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs, who was introduced by Senator Webb, all of the Department of Defense, Donald Michael Remy, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, who was introduced by Senator Landrieu, and Jo-Ellen Darcy, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Civil Works, who was introduced by Senator Baucus, both of the Department of the Army, and Ines R. Triay, of New Mexico, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environmental Management, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Ronald C. Sims, of Washington, to be Deputy Secretary, Peter A. Kovar, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, Helen R. Kanovsky, of Maryland, to be General Counsel, and John D. Trasvina, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, all of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, David S. Cohen, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Terrorist Financing, and Fred P. Hochberg, of New York, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

FORMALDEHYDE IN TEXTILES AND CONSUMER PRODUCTS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance concluded a hearing to examine formaldehyde in textiles and consumer products, after receiving testimony from Senator Casey; Ruth A. Etzel, American Academy of Pediatrics, and Phillip Wakelyn, Wakelyn Associates, LLC, both of Washington, D.C.; and David Brookstein, Philadelphia University School of Engineering and Textiles, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

FUTURE OF NATIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION POLICY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security concluded a hearing to examine the future of national surface transportation policy, after receiving testimony from Ray LaHood, Secretary of Transportation; Ned S. Holmes, Texas Transportation Commission, Houston; Steve Heminger, National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission, Oakland, California; and Anne P. Canby, Surface Transportation Policy Partnership, and James Corless, Transportation for America, both of Washington, D.C.

CLEAN ENERGY DEPLOYMENT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine financing for deployment of clean energy and energy efficiency technologies and to enhance United States' competitiveness in this market through the creation of a Clean Energy Deployment Administration within the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Matthew Rogers, Senior Advisor for the Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Office of the Secretary, Department of Energy; Dan W. Reicher, Google, Mountain View, California; John Denniston, Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers, Menlo Park, California; and Jeanine Hull, Dykema Gossett, and Joseph S. Hezir, EOP Group, Inc., both of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Michelle DePass, of New York, and Cynthia J. Giles, of Rhode Island, who was introduced by Senator Whitehouse, each to be an Assistant Administrator, and Mathy Stanislaus, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Administrator for Office of Solid Waste, all of the Environmental Protection Agency, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

WAR POWERS IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine war powers in the 21st Century, after receiving testimony from James A. Baker III, and Warren Christopher, both a former Secretary